

## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

## Supreme Court

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**JEAN HOEFER TOAL**, Chief Justice, of Columbia.

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Scott Coll., Outstanding Alumnae Award, 1991; Cola. Coll., 1992; Chm., S.C. Juvenile Justice Task Force, 1992–94; John W. Williams Award, Richland Co. Bar, 1994; Jean Galloway Bissell Award, S.C. Women Lawyers Assn., 1995; Portrait Honoree, S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn., 1995; Hon. Doc. of Humane Letters, Coll. of Charleston, 1990; Hon. Doctor of Law, Columbia Coll., 1993; The Citadel, 1999; Francis Marion Univ., 1999; Univ. of S.C., 2000; Charleston Law School, 2007; Converse Coll., 2008; 2002 Govt. Technology Top 25, Doers, Dreamers & Drivers Award; ABA Margaret Brent Award, 2004; Natl. Center for State Courts Sandra Day O'Connor Award for the Advancement of Civics Educ., 2011; Lector, St. Joseph's Catholic

Church; John Belton O'Neill Inn of Court; Bd. of Dirs., Conf. of Chief Justices; past Pres., Conf. of Chief Justices; past Chair, Bd. of Dirs., Natl. Center for State Courts; Private Law Practice, Haynsworth, Perry, Bryant, Marion & Johnstone, 1968–70; Belser, Baker, Barwick, Ravenel, Toal & Bender, 1970–88; mem.: S.C. Human Affairs Comm., 1972–74; S.C. House of Reps., 1975–88; Chm., House Rules Com., 1980–88; elected Assoc. Justice Jan. 27, 1988 to fill unexpired term of George Tillman Gregory, Jr., elected Chief Justice; qualified Mar. 17, 1988; re-elected Feb. 14, 1996; elected Chief Justice June 2, 1999 to fill the unexpired term of Chief Justice Ernest A. Finney, Jr., retired; installed Mar. 23, 2000, serving continuously since.

*Exec. Asst.* .....Michelle J. Pinkney

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**COSTA M. PLEICONES, Associate Justice, Seat 2, of Columbia. Term expires July 31, 2016. Home Address: P.O. Box 11330, Columbia 29211, Tel. (803) 734-1438.**



**PLEICONES, Costa M.** (Richland Co.)—*b.* 1944 in Greenville; *s.* the late Michael J. and Lecha P. Pleicones; *g.* Wofford Coll., A.B., 1965; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1968; married, with 2 adult children; elected Judge of the Fifth Circuit Feb. 6, 1991–00; elected Assoc. Justice Feb. 9, 2000 to fill the unexpired term of Jean H. Toal, elected Chief Justice; qualified

Mar. 23, 2000, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.* .....Kelly Yongue

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**BEATTY, Donald W. “Don”** (Spartanburg Co.)—g. S.C. State Univ., B.A., 1974; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1979; mem., City Council, City of Spartanburg, 1988–90; mil. serv.: Off., USA; former mem.: Piedmont Legal Servs. Bd. of Dirs.; Spartanburg Residential Dev. Corp.; Southside Neighborhoods Assn. Partnership; BB&T Adv. Bd.; BMW minority Adv. Bd./BMW Construction Project; current mem., Sentencing Reform Comm.; House of Reps., 1991–95; past mem.: Med., Mil., Public and Municipal Affairs Com.; Jud. Com.; served as VC and Chm.-elect of the S.C. Legis. Black Caucus; Seventh Circuit Fee Dispute Resolution Com.; Sentencing Guidelines Comm.; Com. to Review S.C. Drug and Common Laws; Judge of the Seventh Circuit, 1995–03; Court of Appeals, 2003–07; elected to Supreme Court May 23, 2007 to fulfill unexpired term of E. C. Burnett, retired; qualified Aug. 10, 2007; re-elected Feb. 3, 2010, serving continuously since.



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**KITTREDGE, John Williamson** (Greenville Co.)—b. Sept. 28, 1956 in Greenville; s. the late E. H. Kittredge, Jr. and Marian J. Kittredge; g. Univ. of S.C., B.S., *summa cum laude*, 1979, J.D., 1982; June 20, 1981 *m.* Lila Graham Hewell, 3 children, Lila Marian, Will, and Zay; Phi Beta Kappa, Order of the Coif; Order of the Wig & Robe; past Pres., Crimestoppers of Greenville; past Chm., City of Greenville Civil Serv. Comm.; past mem., Gov’s Com. on Criminal Justice, Crime & Delinquency; past Bd. mem. & VP, Greenville Tech. Coll. Foundation;







Advisors; elected Judge of the Court of Appeals Mar. 21, 1995–Feb. 2000; elected Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals June 2, 1999 to fill unexpired term of Chief Judge William T. Howell, retired; qualified May 4, 1999; elected Assoc. Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat 4, May 13, 2009 to succeed John H. Waller, retired; qualified Jan. 1, 2010, serving continuously since.

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The Commission is empowered and charged to receive, inquire into, take evidence, make findings, and submit recommendations to the Supreme Court concerning allegations of misconduct by or incapacity of judges who are part of the S.C. Unified Court System.

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## **Office of Disciplinary Counsel**

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